

Montgomery County DLC Community Outreach

Common Sense Guide to Responsible Hospitality



Social or Individual Hosts

One can be recognized as social person if he or she invites friends or relatives to a party. Event becomes successful if everything goes well, and host gets credit for arranging a decent party. On the other hand, host gets all blames if the party environment creates bitterness to the invitees and destroys friendships. Often problems arise when alcohol beverages are served inappropriately. A responsible host can keep safe and healthy relations between friends or relatives.

Suggestions for responsible hospitality

- ❑ Avoid making alcohol beverage consumption the focus of the party.
- ❑ Be aware of social host liabilities that in many states hold the host liable for the actions of an intoxicated guest.
- ❑ Be a good role model.
- ❑ Designate an individual to be responsible for the serving of alcohol and promote recognition of serving size and alcohol content to reduce risk.
- ❑ Prohibit the sale or service of alcohol beverage to underage persons.
- ❑ Discourage the distribution of alcohol beverages to impaired adults and prohibit the distribution of alcohol beverages to intoxicated adults.
- ❑ Monitor guest's consumption of alcohol beverages.
- ❑ Make alcohol free beverages available whenever alcohol beverages are served.
- ❑ Provide food in waves to encourage the consumption of high-protein, low-salt foods that slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.
- ❑ Stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the end of the party, and provide alcohol free beverages with food, such as, deserts.
- ❑ Use servers of legal drinking age to serve alcohol beverages.
- ❑ Involve underage guests in alternative activities when they attend the party.
- ❑ Arrange alternative transportation and/or lodging for guests who may become alcohol impaired.

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